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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

## **Notice of Proposed Action**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for a mining facility, the Bald Mountain Mine Project, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit NEV0050045 is:

Placer Dome America  
P.O. Box 2706  
Elko, NV 89803

The facility is located in White Pine County, Nevada, northwest of Ely. Activity related to this project will occur within all or portions of Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 of Township 24 North, Range 56 East, MDB&M. The project consists of open pit mining with associated waste rock dumps, three leach pads, associated process ponds, process buildings and crusher facilities. Ore is processed using conventional cyanide heap leaching technology with precious metal recovery via carbon adsorption. The project is designed, constructed, and will be operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events that exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to renew the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the renewed permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments or requests no later than 5:00 pm on the 30th day following publication of this notice in the Ely Daily Times in Ely, Nevada to the:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
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All comments or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator may schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.